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◆ **March 25, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.** ◆
Palm Sunday

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
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◆ March 25, 2018 ◆

PALM SUNDAY

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in
the parlour after worship ◆

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE – Festival Fanfare

D. Blackwell

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

All: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!

* PARADE OF PALMS – *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming*
(vs. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6) MV 128

Choir sings first line of verse

All: Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Choir sings next line of verse

All: Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ is in the midst of us.

All: Christ is, and Christ shall be.

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT VI

**All: Glorious God, you are the source of life
everlasting. Just as you bring new life to the**

earth after a long winter's wait, may you bring new life to our hearts this Easter. May we be reborn in love and renewed in faith. On this Palm Sunday, we come closer to the cross but we also look forward to the commemoration of the Son's rising; may we come into the everlasting joy of your realm of *shalom*. Amen.

(five purple candles and one pink candle are lit)

RESPONSE (sung)

MV 67

One: *Kyrie eleison,*

All: *Kyrie eleison,*

One: *Christe eleison,*

All: *Christe eleison,*

One: *Kyrie eleison,*

All: *Kyrie eleison.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Jesus rode into the Holy City of Jerusalem proclaiming the arrival of God's realm of *shalom*, a realm where our wrongdoings are forgiven and where we are cleansed and renewed.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM - Hosanna to the Son of David

T. Weelkes

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Michael Clase

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 118 (part 1, 3, and 4, *no refrain*)

VU 837

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

One: The Word of God

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 11: 1-11

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN—*All Glory, Laud and Honour*

VU 122

SERMON - “A Day with Two Faces”

ANTHEM - *All in the April Evening*

H. S. Robertson

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN—*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 4)

VU 149

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

What can we offer that you have not already offered us?

What can we do that you have not already done for us?

Lord Jesus, in your gifts to us,

you have provided us the way to live and serve you.

Through the gifts we now offer,
we express our longing to serve
and to follow wherever you go. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

concluding with singing of The Prayer of Jesus, VU 959

* CLOSING HYMN – *My Song is Love Unknown*

VU 143

* SENDING FORTH

One: As we enter the week of Christ's passion, we remember that
our Redeemer suffered death,
was buried and rose again for our sake.

Christ our teacher,

for us you were obedient even unto death:

All: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

One: Christ our life, by dying on the cross

you destroyed the power of evil and death:

All: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

One: Christ our strength, you were despised and humiliated
as a condemned criminal:

All: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

One: Christ our Saviour, on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms:

**All: Gather the scattered children of God into your
realm.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

VU 148

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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(sung three times)

POSTLUDE – Largo from *Sonata in B minor*, excerpt

F. Chopin

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

At the very heart of the Christian Holy Week observance is the celebration of what is called the *triduum*, a Latin word that refers to a three day worship event that begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday, moves through the observance of God's suffering love on Good Friday, and comes to its joyful conclusion on Easter Sunday. At Melrose, we will begin with our congregational pot luck dinner and communion service on Thursday (beginning at 6:15). On Friday morning, we will mark the journey to the cross through the ancient liturgy of Tenebrae (which means 'shadows'). On Sunday (Easter), we will celebrate by coming to the empty tomb near sunrise (8:00 a.m. in the chapel), having a tasty Easter breakfast (at 9:00 a.m. -- with a free will offering in support of some desperately needed renovations to the lower corridor washroom) and then joining together for Holy Communion (at 10:30 a.m.). Worship at 10:30 will also feature, as always, the joyful sounds of our excellent Melrose choir and guest instrumentalist under the direction of Alex Cann.

◆ Thank you ◆

...to our coffee hosts this week - Barb and Keith Mann

◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry ◆

March 31st is cancelled; the next gathering is April 28th.

◆ Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts ◆



Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted **TODAY**. Celebrate the memory of someone special to you and your family with a donation to the Easter and Chancel Flower and Gift Fund. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**, and on other special Sundays throughout the year. Special donation

envelopes are available in the narthex and in the sanctuary, with an enclosed paper for writing memorial names.

◆ **Supper in the Sanctuary** ◆

There will be a potluck supper in the 6:15pm on **March 29, 2018**. This is an celebration of Maundy Thursday. All friends of Melrose are welcomed to attend. Come and share in the spirit of the season.



Sanctuary at intergenerational families and

◆ **Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast** ◆

Back by popular demand!

April 1st 9am- Parlour

Suggested donation: \$15.00/family

Come and enjoy a wonderful cooked breakfast immediately following Easter Morning Service. And you don't even have to do the dishes!

All Proceeds from the Breakfast will go towards purchasing water conserving toilets for the two remaining bathrooms.

◆ **Family Ministries Updates for Easter...**◆

There are lots of exciting events and programs being offered to Families at Melrose in the next week!

MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday March 29th 6:15PM

Bring the whole family for a beautiful dinner in our sanctuary and participate in communion. Easter crafts will provided for kids.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Friday March 30th 10:30AM

All ages service and music

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE Sunday April 1st 8:00AM

To launch us into Easter Sunday, join us for an all ages service in the Chapel

EASTER BREAKFAST Sunday April 1st 9:00AM

Share in fellowship and food at our Easter Breakfast – fun for all!

EASTER SERVICE Sunday April 1st 10:30AM

We will continue this all important day with our Easter Service.
Regular Sunday School will be provided to all kids (including an egg hunt!)

◆ **Social Justice thanks you...** ◆

Social justice committee and Jeni hemu thank everyone at melrose who contributed to our social justice Sunday for essential aid and family services. We filled Jeni's van! Check out the picture on our Facebook page! On top of the donations, \$70. In cash (from coffee hour)was provided so that infant formula can be purchased!
Melrose is a wonderful giving place! Thanks!

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday April 11 at 6:30 pm

in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is

Elaine from

"GLEANERS"

(More information posted in the auditorium)

Come & share a meal with friends!!

◆ **The corner Shoppe is Gathering New Talent** ◆

Beginning June 1, 2018 Jeff Ogino will be managing The Melrose Corner Shoppe!

Helpers are needed to select, clean and price stock; sort and organize books; stock, dust and tidy shelves. Flexible hours and the opportunity to contribute creative ideas and talents to this successful fund-raiser make this an ideal volunteer position!

As well as generating revenue for church causes, The Corner Shoppe provides a fun venue for the congregation and the community to interact in a way that helps "green" our neighbourhood.

Remember "Many hands make light work" and please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this "New Team"!

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◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – March 26		
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Staff Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room, Gym
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
	7:15 p.m.	Chapel
Tuesday – March 27		
Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Wednesday – March 28		
HPL: Locke Street Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Thursday – March 29 – Maundy Thursday		
Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
RSCDS Dancing	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Maundy Thursday Supper	6:15 p.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium
Friday – March 30 – Good Friday		
Melrose Closed	All day	
Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
Melrose Good Friday Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Saturday – March 31		
Private Event	5:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Sunday – April 1 – Easter Sunday		
Melrose Easter Worship	8:00 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Easter Breakfast	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Easter Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary